

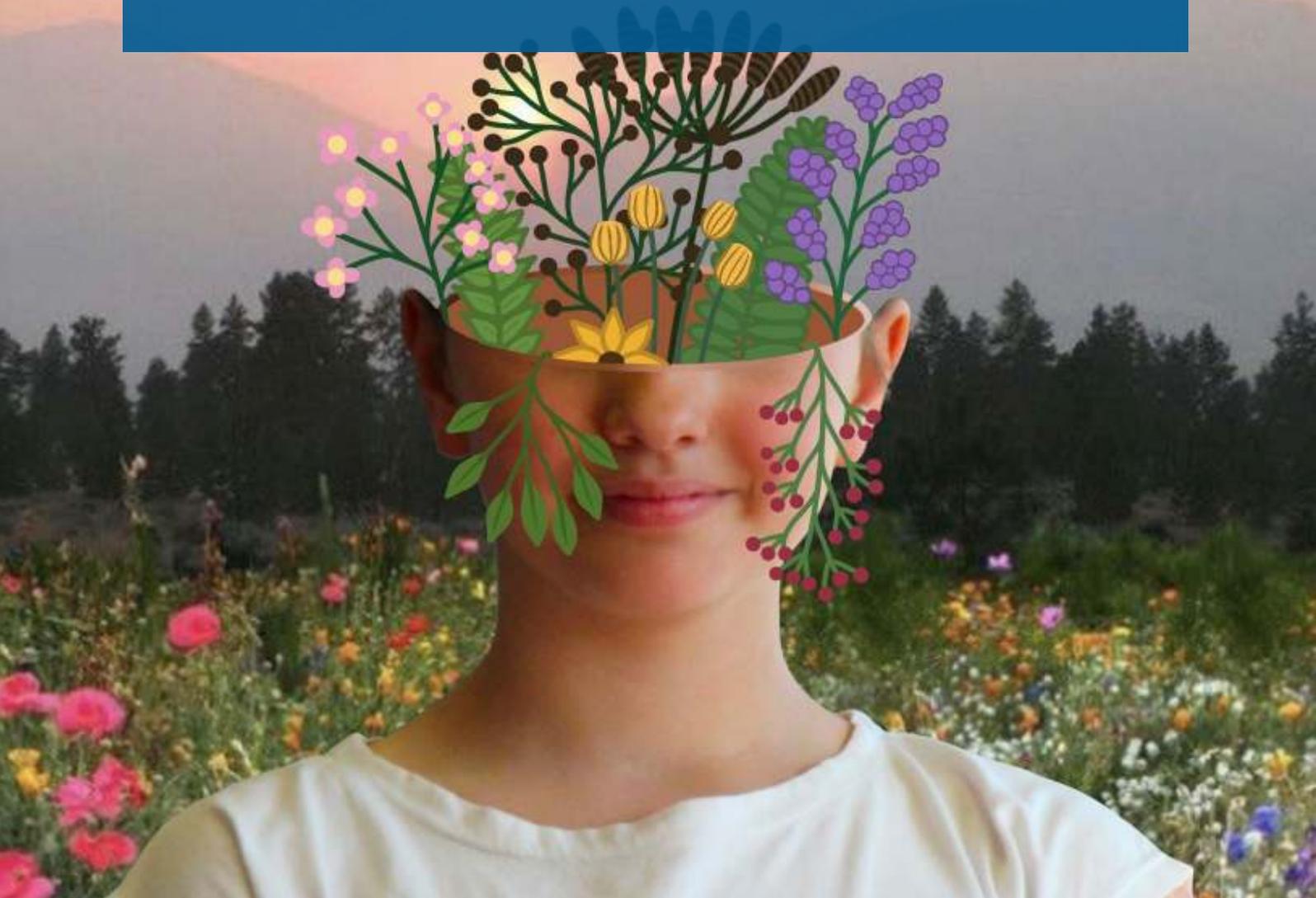


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Year 9 Course Guide

2023





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Introduction

Welcome to year 9 in 2023. This Course Guide provides details of the subjects available in 2023 and will be a useful reference in selecting your course of study for year 9.

This Course Guide provides information about the courses offered in year 9 that are common for all students. The aims of each core subject are included, as well as details of the content covered over the year, the learning and teaching methods used, and information regarding assessment. It is hoped that this guide will stimulate discussion between students and their parents about what is happening in the classroom throughout the year.

Curriculum structure

Years 9 and 10 can be seen as a two-year sequence. In years 7 and 8 all students are engaged in a common core curriculum with limited choice, providing a strong foundation for future studies. At years 11 and 12, students have a very broad range of choice to cater for their individual talents, needs and future directions. It is in years 9 to 10 that students are introduced to some choice to allow them to pursue areas of interest or areas in which they have a particular talent. Whilst there is some choice, there is still the foundation of a common core of subjects.

Of the areas of discipline-based learning, students study English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, LOTE, Health and Physical Education, Self and Society and Sport within their core. Students should have a balance of areas of study within their

choice of elective units. This ensures a breadth of education and the greatest range of choice for subjects at years 11 and 12. Students will be expected to complete a formal examination in their elective subjects, as well as their core subjects, with the exceptions of Health and Physical Education, and Self and Society.

In year 10, the elective program expands to include a greater range of humanities and arts subjects, as well as incorporating Sports Science and access to a range of VCE units. Languages also become elective subjects in year 10. More information regarding the details of the year 10 program can be obtained from the Director of Academic Development, Susanne Haake: susanne.haake@stleonards.vic.edu.au

Years 9 and 10 provide a foundation for students to make an informed choice about their subjects in years 11 and 12 and their choice of program: the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

The IBDP is a two-year program in which students take six subjects over the two years. These subjects must include a modern language, a science, and a humanities subject, along with mathematics and English.

In the VCE program, students choose 22 semester-length units over a two-year period, and each unit is assessed using a variety of assessment tasks. Many of the year 9 and year 10 elective units provide a foundation for later VCE units and students should bear this in mind when planning courses.

A summary of the VCE and IBDP subjects offered at St Leonard's College is given at the back of this booklet. If you require information at this stage about courses available in years 11 and 12, please contact the Director of Academic Development or view the course guides on the St Leonard's College website.

Subject	Equivalent 80 minute sessions per fortnight
English	6
Mathematics	6
Science	6
Geography/History	5
Languages Other Than English	5
Health and Physical Education	2
Sport and Sport Skills	2
CUE Program	1
Self and Society	1

Core subjects

The following subjects are compulsory for all students:

Year 9

- CUE Program
- English
- Geography
- Self and Society

- Health and Physical Education
- History
- Languages Other Than English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Sport

Year 10

- Commerce (1 Semester)
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- History or Geography (1 Semester)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Sport

Elective subjects

Year 9

Students choose two elective subject units from the following:

- Agriculture
- Animation and Photography
- Art
- Big History
- Drama: Act and React
- Entrepreneurship
- Ethics
- Food Science
- The Digital World
- Globalisation
- Journalism – A Nose for the News
- Literature
- Music: Performance
- Music: Recording and Composing
- Musical Theatre: West End to Broadway
- STEM: Design, Build and Program a Robot
- Sport Science
- Textiles

Year 10

Students choose four elective units from the following:

- Art – Artists for Change
- Classical Studies
- Contemporary Manufacturing
- Data Science
- Drama – Page to Stage
- Food Science
- Geography of Conflict
- Health – What the Health?
- History – The Banality of Evil
- Journalism – A Nose for the News
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Mathematics - Diploma of Numbers
- Media
- Music Performance and Styles
- Sport Science
- Textiles
- Virtual Reality
- Visual Communication Design

LOTE

Taken as a two-unit sequence

- Chinese
- French
- Spanish

Year 11 units

VCE Units 1 and 2 subjects taken as a two-unit sequence

See *Year 10 Course Guide 2023* on the College website for a list of Unit 1 and 2 subjects available at year 10.

Choosing an elective program

Students should look at years 9 and 10 as a two-year program and should plan their elective choices accordingly. Students will not be locked into year 10 choices at this stage, however it is worthwhile to plan for a two-year program rather than a series of one-off electives. Students will make choices for year 10 in term 3 of year 9.

In considering their elective choices, students should identify their strengths and weaknesses, their areas of interest, and areas which might provide prerequisites for further studies. Having identified these, students should speak with their parents and teachers for advice.

Students must choose two semester-length elective units for year 9, which will be studied over the course of the year. While every attempt will be made to provide for the choices made by the students, numbers of classes and class sizes may require a second or third preference to be taken. **Electives will only run if we receive sufficient interest.** Students will be notified where an elective they have selected will not run and an alternative subject can be selected.

Students are encouraged to read the Web Preference Access Guide and follow its instructions when completing the online selection. Please also follow the instructions for submission by the due date. Elective choices will be confirmed prior to the commencement of 2023 transition classes.

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Core subjects

CUE Program

The CUE experiential learning program takes students on an inquiry-based journey both on and off campus.

The three Domains – Community Service, Urban, Exploration and Environmental Sustainability – immerse our young people in issues such as trade and economics, multiculturalism, immigration, social welfare, conservation, ecotourism, and sustainable living.

In term 4 of year 9 students participate in a Big Experience, which will broaden elements of the CUE program and applies them to different cultural experience either overseas or within Australia.

Throughout the year students spend time off campus engaging in all three domains: Community Service, Urban Exploration and Environmental Sustainability. They also have a timetabled period a fortnight allocated for reflection and extension of their learning.

Objectives

The CUE program aims to:

- Engage students in positive learning and social experiences beyond the classroom
- Provoke inquiry into real world issues, focusing on their impact on individuals, local communities and the global community
- Encourage students to become more sustainable decision makers and people of action
- Instill in each student, a positive attitude toward self, the community and their world
- Develop in students greater independence and the life skills and qualities required to become

independent learners and workers, including the ability to:

- Act responsibly in a variety of settings
- Communicate with others
- Show initiative in managing problems and new situations
- Negotiate with others for successful outcomes
- Plan and organise their time to get work done
- Adapt to changing circumstances
- Evaluate their own performance and reflect on change and personal growth
- Effectively make decisions in a variety of situations
- Think creatively to solve problems
- Work effectively with others
- Effectively use appropriate technology, including information and communications technology

Content

Community Service: After nominating their preferences, students will be allocated a community service organisation, and each fortnight will participate in the organisation's programs to understand how it serves the community. Students will be responsible for travelling to and from their placement to further develop their independence. The placements currently offered by the College include nursing homes, organisations catering for disabilities, community based organisations, early learning centers and primary schools.

Core subjects

Urban Exploration: This domain requires students to reflect upon and investigate what makes a city: how it looks, how it feels, how it acts and how it interacts. Students negotiate transport, and look into our social welfare system, multicultural nature and economic drivers, focusing on the development of the city of Melbourne and its northern suburbs. Public transport will be the main mode of travel and it is expected that students will become competent users of Melbourne's public transport system.

Environmental Sustainability: Whilst investigating the global issue of sustainability, this domain takes a local focus on the themes of protection and conservation, consumption and waste management, and human impact and action in order to change behaviours and attitudes towards the environment. Students will complete the field-work component of this domain during the Extended Environmental Experience (year 9 camp). This will be facilitated by the Outdoor Education Department along the Great Southwest Walk in term 3.

Learning and teaching methods

For the Community and Urban domains, CUE experience days are held once a fortnight, timetabled on a rotating basis. These days involve the student being off campus for the whole day, working in small groups or independently. Field days for the Environmental Sustainability domain are completed during the five day Extended Environmental

Experience, as well as during scheduled class time. Preparing for, reflecting on and extending CUE experiences are important aspects of the program and form the academic components for teaching and learning. A concept-based approach to learning is adopted to cater for the specific needs of the activity and the students.

Assessment

Much of the assessment will be formative in nature involving observation and discussions with the students.

- Participation and involvement in the CUE Experience Days
- Domain-related reflection and extension tasks

There is no semester examination for CUE.

Core subjects

English

Aims

The year 9 English course aims to develop students' ability to:

- Use the conventions of written English
- Write in a variety of styles
- Listen carefully and speak clearly and coherently
- Read fluently and with perception
- Respond perceptively to different literary and non-print genres, including popular culture

Content

Texts form the basis of study in English. In 2023 the following texts will be studied:

- *Our Faces, Our Places*: This unit focuses on Australian and Asian literature, including a selection of poetry and short stories
- *Persepolis 1* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *English Skills Builder Book 2* will be used throughout the year to improve skills in grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary

Teaching and learning methods

Speaking: Class discussions, group work, individual talks, reading aloud, debating, and the Dr Norm Fary Public Speaking Competition.

Writing: Formal essay techniques, writing within a time limit in test conditions, and close analysis of key passages.

Reading: Students are encouraged to read widely in addition to the set texts to develop a love and appreciation of literature.

Listening: Activities designed to encourage and enhance courteous and effective listening skills are used throughout the year.

Assessment

- Written tasks including analytical and creative responses
- Oral work
- Examination

Core subjects

Geography

The year 9 Geography course has been designed to complement the CUE program by making geographical connections to the program. Geography focuses on investigating how people, through their choices and actions, are connected to places throughout the world in a variety of ways, and how these connections help make and change places and their environments. This unit examines the interconnection between people and places through the products people buy and the effects of their production on the places where they are made. Students examine different biomes and the issue of food security globally. Distinctive aspects of interconnection are also investigated using studies drawn from Australia and across the world.

Content

Geography of Interconnection – How do we connect with places?

Students will analyse the interconnections between people, places and environments. They identify and explain how these interconnections influence people and change places and environments. Students will explore topics such as trade, foreign aid, and fair trade both at a national and international level.

Biomes and Food Security

Students will investigate the distribution and characteristics of biomes including climates, soils, vegetation and productivity. Environmental, economic and technological factors that influence crop yields in Australia and across the world will also be discussed. The interconnection between food production and land and water degradation will be covered including the challenges in feeding the current and projected populations of Australia and the world, and responses to these challenges.

Geographical Inquiry and Skills

A framework for developing students' geographical knowledge, understanding and skills is provided through the inclusion of inquiry questions and specific inquiry skills, including the use and interpretation of maps, photographs and other representations of geographical data.

Assessment

Students will complete a number of assessment tasks including the end-of-semester examination, tests, research assignments and case studies in Geography.

Core subjects

Health and Physical Education

Aims

The curriculum provides opportunities for students to refine and consolidate personal and social skills in demonstrating leadership, teamwork and collaboration in a range of physical activities. Students also reflect upon and develop solutions to engage youth in physical activity.

Content

In each term, a health concept is explored in two to three lessons, with the remaining Health and Physical Education (HPE) lessons devoted to practical PE classes. Students participate in Sports Skills once per cycle, which links HPE concepts with their ACS sport of choice.

Health Content

Health concepts explored in the following units:

- Screen Time and Media
- Youth Health Issues
- First Aid Principles

Physical Education Content

Practical participation in the following units:

- Fun and Fitness
- Invasion Games (SEPEP)
- Net/Wall Games
- International Games

Sport skills

Students will participate in a non-assessed sport program, which has one sport skills session per cycles, and, an ACS game or training every Thursday.

Learning and teaching methods

In Health, a variety of teaching and learning methods will be employed, including small group discussions, practical work, web-based media, research projects and educational games. In Physical Education teachers adopt a 'games sense' teaching approach, which engages students in a variety of minor and modified games. This is the optimal teaching environment to develop skill execution, tactical awareness and games play principles.

Assessment

Assessment and reporting are based on a variety of assessment rubrics, including:

- Screen Time and Media Podcast
- First Aid Written Test
- Game Sense: Invasion and Net/Wall Games

There is no semester examination for Health and Physical Education.

History

The year 9 History course aims to provide students with a broad understanding of the period 1750 to 1918. This era saw industrialisation and rapid change in the ways people lived, worked and thought. It was a time of nationalism and imperialism, and the colonisation of Australia was part of the expansion of European power. The period culminated in World War I – the ‘war to end all wars’.

Students begin with an overview of the period 1750 to 1918 so that they can appreciate the context of the core units to be investigated. They then look at the Industrial Revolution and its impact on the lives of people in the 18th and 19th centuries. Specifically, students will look at the ways in which the movement of people was affected. The three topics of slaves, convicts, and migrants will provide the context for this area of study.

Imperial rivalry, originating partly from the Industrial Revolution, culminated in World War I, and students study a range of aspects of this conflict. They investigate the causes of the war and the reasons for Australia’s involvement; the places where Australians fought, including Gallipoli and the Western Front; the impact of the war on Australia; and the way the war is commemorated in the modern era.

Assessment

Assessment for this subject will be based on a range of the following:

- Classwork and home learning
- Source analyses
- Research projects
- Essays
- Semester examination

Languages Other Than English

Why study a language?

The broadest aim of language learning is to develop a love and appreciation for the importance of language and cultural studies. This is critical in a culturally diverse nation like Australia. It is also a great asset for a generation of young people who will almost certainly travel or work abroad throughout their lives. Language studies promote increased interest in, understanding of and respect for people from diverse backgrounds. Students' horizons are broadened through their introduction to a wider environment and an understanding of different language communities. When travelling they can interact with local people in a meaningful way. Their understanding of other communities is enhanced by their cultural and linguistic knowledge.

Practical considerations for studying a language

Students may also consider the following:

- The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme requires students to study a foreign language
- In recognition of the challenges inherent in language learning, students who study a language at year 12 receive a bonus in their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
- Employers respect the perseverance required to study a language
- An ability to speak a foreign language can be a great advantage in a range of employment situations and is a requirement for certain jobs
- Learning a language other than English enhances your knowledge of English grammar

Aims

The primary aim of language learning in year 9 is to provide students with opportunities to further develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. We aim to provide all students with a challenging curriculum, which will give them a sense of achievement upon completion of year 9 as well as a solid foundation for continued language studies. This will keep their options open for VCE or IBDP studies.

Some of the specific aims in terms of language learning include developing:

- An understanding of different text types for different purposes and audiences
- A variety of writing styles for different purposes and audiences
- A thorough understanding of the grammatical underpinnings of the language
- Communication skills specific to each language
- Information and computer technology skills to assist in language acquisition and communication
- Study techniques for language tests and examinations
- Independent learning strategies, such as wider reading, dictionary use and editing skills

Content

Reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are developed by an examination of language in context. Some of the communicative situations in which students will develop their knowledge and application of grammar are listed below:

French Mainstream: Students study the topics of time, tourism, leisure activities, school, future projects and plans with friends and family. Grammatical

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constructions include the present tense, immediate future, negatives and possession. Students learn how to ask various types of questions and make plans with friends and family, direct object pronouns, present perfect, comparative adjectives, the future tense, among others. There is also a study of francophone communities. Students participate in the Alliance Française Poetry Competition.

French Advanced: Talking about media, and movies, describing and recounting past events and actions, talking about their fictional holiday in a French-speaking country, talking about future plans and living a healthy lifestyle.

Chinese Mainstream: Students will continue to explore a variety of concepts related to Chinese Language, Culture and Society through a communicative approach. This will include a focus in semester one on Shopping in a variety of forums. Semester 2 will focus on a detailed tour of China, highlighting the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Xian and Guangzhou. The five major language skills – reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing – will be covered, as well as conceptual understandings of Chinese Culture.

Chinese Advanced: Students will continue to explore a variety of concepts related to Chinese Language, Culture and Society through a communicative approach. This will include a focus in semester one on Shopping in a variety of forums. Semester 2 will focus on a detailed tour of China, highlighting the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Xian and Guangzhou. The five major language skills – reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing – will be covered, as well as conceptual understandings of Chinese Culture.

Spanish Mainstream: The skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking are developed while exploring the following topics: health and wellbeing, food, Mother Nature, legends, the environment technology, and Spanish in the world. Grammatical concepts covered include gender and number agreement, word order,

the past tenses of commonly used verbs, commands, connectors, present progressive and the subjunctive, the future tense and the conditional tense.

Spanish Advanced: The skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking are developed while exploring the following topics: Friendships and family relationships, talking about past experiences, writing short stories, travel to Spanish speaking countries, healthy lifestyles, food and menus; environmental issues; leisure, feelings, and express ideas in the future tense.

Learning and teaching methods

- Students will view videos to learn about the culture of each language and to practise the language
- Songs and poetry will be used to provide enjoyment and to reinforce the language
- Students will learn to use the language in creative ways by preparing scenarios, surveys, descriptions, brochures or posters
- Students will work in groups to practise speaking and writing skills and to further cooperative learning
- Students will use computers to practise language skills through games and in the preparation of written work
- Students will perform role plays and individual presentations to foster confidence in speaking
- Students will be encouraged to further their language skills independently, finding opportunities to use the language such as watching TV programs, reading magazines, and conversing with speakers of the language

Prerequisites and assessment

To undertake studies in a particular language at year 9, students will require a background in that language at years 7 and 8. Students will be expected to complete all work requirements including assignments, the workbook and homework exercises. There will be regular tests to monitor student progress. There will be a final examination at the end of semester 2.

Core subjects

Mathematics

Aims

Mathematics provides students with access to important mathematical ideas, knowledge and skills. The curriculum also provides students with the basis on which further study and research in mathematics and applications in many other fields are built.

The aims of mathematics education are to ensure students:

- Can apply knowledge and skills by learning and practising mathematical algorithms, routines and techniques and use them to find solutions to standard problems
- Are confident, creative users of mathematics, able to investigate, represent and interpret situations
- Develop an increasingly sophisticated understanding of mathematical concepts and fluency with processes, and the ability to reason, pose and solve problems
- Use technology effectively and appropriately to produce results that support learning mathematics and its application in different contexts

Structure

In year 9 there are three maths groups that take into account the different experiences, abilities and learning needs of students:

- The Mainstream group study the standard year 9 mathematics course
- The Foundation group caters for students requiring additional support. This group studies a modified version of the year 9 mainstream course.
- The Enrichment group covers the same topics as the year 9 Mainstream group, but in greater depth

with an emphasis on problem solving, as well as some additional extension topics.

Students will be allocated to a group as determined by the Mathematics Faculty, based on learning behaviours and performance in year 8 Mathematics.

At the end of year 9, an accelerated group will be chosen for year 10. This group will study VCE Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2 in year 10.

Content

The content for year 9 mathematics is formed by topics from the strands number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability. The year 9 standard course includes an introduction to trigonometry, further algebraic techniques and quadratic theory.

Learning and teaching methods

In mathematics, students expand and organise their thinking in more formal ways by becoming involved in processes such as critical and creative thinking and problem solving in addition to formal, explicit teaching of skills. The ability to explain their reasoning and the correct use of a formal academic language takes on more importance in year 9. Technology is also incorporated where appropriate.

Assessment

Formal assessment is based on students' achievements on graded assessment tasks that could include topic tests, problem solving tasks and the semester 2 examination.

Science

Science and its applications are part of everyday life. Science education develops students' abilities to ask questions and find answers about the natural and physical world. It provides students with insights into the way science is applied and how scientists work in the community, and helps them to make informed decisions about scientific issues, careers and further study.

The Science curriculum at St Leonard's College helps and encourages students to:

- Develop knowledge and skills central to biological, chemical, earth and physical sciences
- Apply knowledge of science and understanding of some key scientific theories, principles and ideas to explain and predict events in the natural and physical world
- Develop and use the skills of scientific investigation, reasoning and analysis to generate or refine knowledge, find solutions and ask questions
- Develop scientific attitudes such as flexibility, curiosity, respect for evidence, and critical reflection
- Communicate scientific understanding in appropriate scientific language to a range of audiences

Content

The year 9 Science course has been designed according to the philosophy that it is the responsibility of every individual to have an awareness and understanding of the scientific developments

happening around them. The topics listed below are used as a means to introduce and develop the skills and interests needed to be successful in further scientific studies. Important basic concepts are introduced and used to challenge the critical and creative thinking skills of students.

Areas of study include:

- Scientific Data
- Body Systems -detecting and responding
- Chemistry
- Physics – waves, sound, light, heat and electricity
- Ecology
- Immunology

Learning and teaching methods

The variety of classroom teaching activities include: research and practical tasks

- Group and individual assignments
- Computer simulations and data-logging
- Guest speakers and excursions
- Comprehension, discussion, interpretation and analysis of data, articles and other information
- Self and class tests and examinations

Assessment

A range of tests, semester 2 examination, experiments, investigations, oral presentations and projects are used to assess the skills of collecting and using information through observation, measurement, experimenting, interpreting, problem solving and evaluating.

Core subjects

Self and Society

Aims

Self and Society is a subject which enables students to think critically and rationally, to consider alternative perspectives from the world(s) we are a part of, and to consider themselves and their responses to the questions and concepts we explore.

The aim of the year 9 course is to explore the complex notion of a good life from a range of perspectives.

Students will be encouraged to:

- Reflect on their own understanding of what it means to lead a good life by considering philosophical questions such as: what does it mean to be good? Will fulfillment come from money? Will following the path of God result in a good life? Should we place emphasis on instrumental or intrinsic values? Examine and evaluate different perspectives towards these philosophical questions. The perspectives include: Consumerism, Utilitarianism, Aristotle's Virtue Theory, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Humanism

Content

Throughout each cycle, a different perspective towards a good life will be explored. Students will evaluate the worldview in relation to their own criteria for a good life and consider the benefits and drawbacks of following this viewpoint.

Students are challenged to carefully consider the concepts of value and goodness and will build their own criteria of a good life based on what is important to them.

Consumerism

Students will investigate the consumerist approach to living a good life. This will include exploring the different global measurements of happiness, arguments from philosophers such as Peter Singer and recent research regarding the Hedonic Treadmill and the Adaption Principle.

Hedonism and Utilitarianism

Students will explore what is meant by hedonism through discussing Jeremy Bentham's Hedonic Calculus and John Stuart Mill's notion of higher and lower pleasures.

Virtue Theory

Students will investigate Aristotle's notion of Eudaimonia and virtue. Philosophical questions will be discussed, such as; what does it mean to be virtuous? Do we all want to be good people?

Buddhism, Christianity and Islam

Students will investigate the different religious perspectives towards a good life by drawing upon traditional and modern interpretations of different teachings and considering the viewpoint of different individuals.

Humanism

Students will address the contemporary debate regarding whether or not religion is the source of morality by discussing the Humanist view towards a good life.

Assessment

- Quiz
- Socratic Method
- Podcast

There is no semester examination for Self and Society.

Core subjects

Sport

St Leonard's participates in the Association of Coeducational Schools (ACS) for sport and participation is compulsory for students in years 7 to 11 (optional cocurricular year 12)

Year 8 and 9 ACS Sport is played every Thursday afternoon. There are two seasons of sport – summer and winter. The summer season is in term 1 and 4 and the Winter season is term 2 and 3.

Students are required to play or train every Thursday afternoon throughout the year. If a sport is oversubscribed, trials may be conducted at the start of the season to determine who makes the final team(s). Students who miss out on their preferred sport will be given another option for that season. Please note, students are expected to stay in the same sport for Year 7-9.

Match Times

Games start at 2.30pm (with the exception of cricket which starts at 2.00pm) and continue until completed. All sports finish by 4.00pm (4.30pm for cricket). Students return to school at approximately 4.30pm on home games and 5.30pm on away games (with the exception of cricket). On training days, students will be finished by 3.35pm.

The main aims and outcomes of the Sports program include:

- Developing the student's skills, knowledge of the sport, fitness and team-work
- Students learning to work together with their coach and team-mates and become a reliable and valuable member of a team

- Students developing a life-long love of participation in sport, whereby they continue playing and being physically active after they leave the College.

The sports available for year 8/9 students are listed below:

	Girls	Boys
Summer	Soccer Softball Tennis Volleyball Mixed Touch Football	Basketball Cricket Hockey Softball Table Tennis Mixed Touch Football
Winter	Basketball Football Hockey Mixed Badminton Netball Table Tennis	Football Mixed Badminton Soccer Tennis Volleyball

Students also participate in House Sport (Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country) and have the opportunity to be selected to represent the College in the ACS Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals.

If you require more information, please contact Tony Kiers, **Head of Sport**

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Agriculture

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food, compost your waste or better understand the interconnectedness of the natural world? Then Year 9 Agriculture is for you! Our class will mostly take place outside in our “living laboratory” using our hands and senses to investigate the following topics:

Growing food

- We will explore the requirements of food plants, how to raise seedlings and propagate plants and how to maximise food production through companion planting.

Cycles

- This unit investigates the cyclical nature of food growing. We consider which foods grow best in which season and how we can harness heat to enhance availability of summer crops. Additionally, we look at recycling food waste to improve the nutrient content of the soil and hijack the water cycle to minimize water use for maximum productivity.

Biodiversity

- Did you know pollinators, such as bees, are responsible for one out of every three mouthfuls of food that we eat? When pollinator numbers drop, so does food production. We will look at how to enhance biodiversity in our gardens and surrounds in order to attract helpful fauna and how to use natural deterrents for common pests.

Assessment

Your assessment for this task will be a term long project of your choice exploring one of the topics above, documenting your challenges and successes and making a positive impact in our local community.

Animation and Photography

Animation Styles, Digital Photography and Digital Imaging

Let's Get Animated!

This program is based on creating animations by focusing on the production processes from pre-production concept development to post-production. It creates an opportunity for students to learn and apply animation principles in selected animation styles, text and photo manipulation, sound, special effects, understanding file formats and file management.

Snap To It!

The course is designed to provide students with photographic skills to learn on how to take creative control, get the most out of the DSLR camera. Understanding camera functions will expand student's creative control and open up new possibilities for their images. Students explore composition and lighting to understand how to greatly improve their ability to capture their best photographs. Students develop skills in contemporary photographic production processes, and they will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of photographic techniques, develop skills and ideas to foster creativity with the camera. In addition, students will learn digital imaging software such as Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom to create effective ways to manipulate photographs to create visual effects. These specialist software programs are relevant to current industry practices and students will present a portfolio based on a range of themes developed through the semester.

Assessment

Assessment is based on the developing and producing a folio of digital works:

Animation: Animation production and post-production.

Photography: Photography Folio and Digital Imaging.

Software and Equipment

- Adobe Creative Suite – Photoshop, Lightroom, After Effects
- Stop Motion Studio
- iPad
- iMac desktop computers
- Studio lighting
- DSLR cameras

Pathways

Animation and Photography elective provides a pathway to further studies. Careers in animation: animators, motion graphics designers, character designers, pre-production artists, 3D visualizers and modelers, visual effects artists, web designers, art directors, digital artists, media communications, creative digital media. Careers in Photography: fashion, advertising architecture, documentary, photojournalism, editorial, publishing, photo editing, post-production, publishing, exhibition practice, curating and teaching design and media applications.

Elective subjects

Art

When Art and Science Collide

Artists have to be curious. By developing curiosity about themselves, others and the world, students become effective learners, inquirers and creative problem-solvers. Science is changing our world and our lives at a fast rate. Once art and science seemed opposite; but these days some of the most innovative students are fusing art with science.

Students will explore, interpret and reinterpret forms in nature, flora and fauna to create oil paintings and explore the science behind resist painting. Science and technology will further inform us about the hidden world through exploring light, macro photography and photomicrography. The golden ratio in portraiture will be explored using digital platforms and Apps, Social Media and Procreate. The laser cutter, and 3D printing will play a major role together with clay as we fuse the new and old in sculpture.

Aims

- Create and present art
- Develop skills specific to the discipline
- Engage in a process of creative exploration and self-discovery
- Make purposeful connections between investigation and practice
- Understand the relationship between art and its contexts
- Respond to and reflect on art
- Deepen their understanding of the world

Visual Diary

Development in the arts is a dynamic process, and not necessarily linear. Students move freely through a creative process towards a deeper understanding of the arts.

The process of creating artwork, as well as the product, demonstrates what students have experienced, learned and attempted to convey.

Assessment

Assessment criteria for each area of study will include all aspects of the research, design and production of each artwork.

Pathways

Advertising, Art Administrator, Architect, Art Conservationist, Art Therapist, Book Illustrator, Cartoonist, Creative consultant, Conservation, Desktop publishing, Fashion Design, Fibre Artist, Fine Artist, Game Design, Graphic Design, Graphic Novel Author, Illustrator, Interior Design, Industrial Design, Marketing, Multimedia Consultant, New Media Design and Artist, Photographer, Set Designer, Spatial Science Technician, Town Planner, Web Designer, etc.

The course is designed for students who want to go on to study visual arts in higher education as well as for those who are seeking lifelong enrichment through visual arts, problem-solving and divergent thinking.

Big History

Explore how our universe and our world has evolved from incredible simplicity to ever-increasing complexity. Ask the big questions about our universe, our planet, life, and humanity. Developed by Macquarie University and adapted for students in year 10, Big History tells the story of the universe from the Big Bang to our complex modern societies by drawing on insights from disciplines such as astronomy, physics, archaeology, history, and economics.

In Big History students cultivate their sense of perspective and demonstrate links between disciplines to help make sense of the big picture of the history of the universe.

The Big History course consists of a number of units, structured around a key question:

- The Big Bang: *How and why do individuals change their minds?*
- The Stars Light Up/New Chemical Elements: *How can looking at the same information from different perspectives pave the way for progress?*
- Earth and the Solar System: *How and why do theories become generally accepted?*
- Life: *How are we still evolving?*
- Collective Learning: *What makes humans different from other species?*
- Agriculture and Civilisation: *Was farming an improvement over foraging?*

- Expansion and Interconnection: *What are the positive and negative effects of interconnection?*
- The Future: *What's the next threshold?*

The course is designed to develop students' critical thinking, critical literacy and problem solving skills enabling them to be innovative global citizens.

Resources for each unit focus on:

- Inquiry, analysis and argument
- Problem-based learning activities
- Connection of critical thought with reading and writing skills

Assessment

Assessment for this unit takes on a number of different forms, including but not restricted to:

- Research investigations
- Analysis tasks
- Class debates
- Essays

Drama: Act and React

Ever wanted greater social connection, confidence or creativity? Skillful communication is the most sought after attribute that not only successful people share, but is an essential skill in the modern workplace from effectively pitching an idea to influence an audience to working cooperatively. Drama provides the stage upon which communication, collaboration, expressive skills and creativity are developed as students become innovators and problem solvers. This subject is highly practical in nature.

Drama - Act and React

Effective communication skills are one of the most highly regarded traits in the workforce.

Learn how to win friends and influence people: communication skills are enhanced in this fun, fast-paced and highly physical elective through workshops, games and systematic skill building through improvisation (Theatresports). This elective focuses on building confidence, creativity and the ability to solve problems in group situations.

Act and react is a unit which calls for teamwork, daring, discipline, imagination and the ability to 'think on one's feet'. Students will be trained how to improvise and develop skills in communicating more effectively. This unit requires high energy and active participation as students engage in the collaborative games and exercises which prepare the performer for the Theatre-sports 'tournament.' Students will explore

spontaneous and planned improvisation. This unit examines a variety of play scripts and engages the students in the process leading from the 'first read' to performance. In particular; comedy skits focusing on physical comedy, language and situation.

There will not be any homework for this unit.

Aims

Understand:

- Drama involves making dramas that communicate meaning to an audience and learn how to effectively respond critically to dramatic works.
- Learning Improvisation can help develop our ability to communicate better.

Know:

- The process involved for effective improvisation; Physical and verbal offers, accepting offers and blocking.
- That improvisation is a process that can be learnt
- The process involved in script interpretation and realisation.
- What improvisation is.
- More than five 'Theatresports' games.
- Effective strategies to improve their improvisation.
- The elements of improvisation: focus, status, endowment, advancing and extending.
- The process involved with script interpretation
- Reflection and feedback help us improve performance

Be able to:

- Demonstrate creativity and imagination.
- Create short improvised scenes.
- Develop confidence
- Participate in Theatresports activities
- Communicate more effectively in groups
- Take responsible risks
- Interpret a script and learn the lines and actions
- Demonstrate ability to reflect upon and make critical comment on performance.
- Demonstrate awareness about the contribution of drama to society and other disciplines, focusing on the ways contemporary and traditional works reinforce and challenge social, cultural and artistic values.
- Demonstrate skills in self-expression both verbal and physical.
- Develop a more specific dramatic language.
- Demonstrate flexibility in thinking.
- Demonstrate ability to focus, observe, infer, predict, elaborate, reflect, analyse and evaluate throughout the creative process.
- Work with status
- Extend and advance, offer, accept and block
- Improve their skills in improvisation

Assessment

- Theatresports tournament and scripted comedy performance
- Written evaluations

Pathways

This elective may benefit students contemplating a career that involves strong communication skills as well as careers in the arts. It will be great for aspiring leaders or students wanting to improve their communication skills. It leads well into any performing arts subjects in year 10 and VCE/IB Drama/Theatre Studies.

Entrepreneurship

The world is changing at an unprecedented pace. Automation, globalisation and more flexible working arrangements are rapidly reshaping our economy and work. By 2030 every single job across the economy is going to look different. In this future, our young people are predicted to have an average of 17 different jobs over 5 careers in their lifetime.

To ensure young people are prepared for this future, there is an urgent need for early intervention in school, to equip them with the enterprise skills and career management capabilities needed to thrive in the New Work Order. While there are examples of this being done well in the education system already, Australia needs to do more to ensure all young people have the opportunity to build these important skills.

Aims

The aim of this elective is to focus on the key transferable skills that employers seek most. These skills can also be called 'enterprise skills'. Entrepreneurship will provide a meaningful setting for students to develop and use critical and creative thinking, teamwork, problem-solving, presentation, communication, financial capability and the entrepreneurship skills.

Students will create, launch and operate a social enterprise (business that trades to intentionally tackle social problems, improve communities, provide people with access to employment and training, or help the environment).

Assessment

- Design, create and manage a social enterprise
- Examination
- Business Pitch presentations
- Post-testing
- Podcast evaluation

Ethics

Aims

This elective is a bridge between Self and Society and the Ethics Olympiad program that is offered to Middle School students in Semester 2. Ethics is an enrichment program to extend those with a critical mind and those who are interested in issues on a global and societal level.

The course aims to develop an understanding of, and capacity to engage in, ethical reasoning. In addition to an appreciation for the value of religious, ethical and philosophical discussions. Students will be encouraged to:

- Read widely and independently,
- Engage respectfully and thoughtfully with different philosophical and ethical perspectives and to explore personal responses to the topics under review,
- Evaluate and critically assess ethical and philosophical arguments.

Content

This course aims to develop students' capacity to generate thoughtful, well-reasoned, and well-supported responses to the following big conceptual questions:

- What is the difference between an ethical and unethical action?
- Are there objective moral truths, or is morality relative to social/cultural context?
- Which frameworks are the most effective in deciding how to act?

- When does life begin?
- How should we treat refugees?
- Is science and technology helpful or harmful to humanity?
- Who should make the rules around climate change?
- Do we have a responsibility to act on the knowledge we have?

Students develop their capacity to respond to these big questions by applying a range of ethical, philosophical and theological perspectives to the following contemporary debates:

- Duty based ethics vs consequentialism
- Theist ethical frameworks vs atheist ethical frameworks
- Pro-life vs pro-choice responses to abortion
- Animal rights
- Immigration and treatment of refugees
- Treatment of minority groups in Australia
- Free-speech vs restriction of hate-speech
- Artificial Intelligence and the use of technology
- Climate change: a divided world

Assessment

Demonstration of a student's achievement will be based on the student's performance on a range of assessment tasks that includes; class discussions/debates, essays and research investigation.

Food Science

Course Outline

Food Science investigates food from Australia and around the world. It aims to promote healthy food choices through the development of food knowledge, understanding and skills in line with the principles of the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

Topics covered in this elective unit include:

- Practical food skills and knowledge, including food preparation, time management, safe use of equipment and appliances, and food hygiene
- International flavours and cuisines – traditional ingredients and food preparation methods from around the world
- How immigration has impacted on food availability in Australia
- Quick and healthy snack foods
- Nutrition – food nutrients and exercise levels required for optimal health and development
- Making healthy food choices – food selection models and reading food labels

Students undertake a variety of practical tasks that serve to reinforce the knowledge gained throughout the course, whilst developing the practical food preparation skills required for cooking a range of cuisines.

Assessment

The following tasks will be used to assess student work:

- Production – organisation, practical application, time management
- Research tasks
- Designing meals based on specifications
- Examination

Food Science can be chosen for one semester only. The study of Food Science at year 9 level provides an excellent foundation for future studies in both Health and Human Development and Food Studies.

The Digital World

The Digital World is an opportunity for students to be creatively involved with analysing, designing and coding their own computer games and use data to create digital products. The aim of the subject is for students to become accustomed to the coding environment and to take industry-relatable steps in software development. Additionally, they will learn to properly use data to create customized infographics and other internet products.

The course covers the following software types:

- Scripting coding language (Python)
- 3D visual product (Unity)
- Microsoft Excel

The Problem Solving Methodology is the industry standard and used in VCE studies, and its application is relevant to those who wish to take their Digital Technologies studies further into year 10 and beyond. Course requirements will comprise teacher-directed classes and a set of self-paced exercises designed to progressively develop skills and computerisation thinking. While all students will be expected to reach a prescribed level of competency, the nature of the course enables students to develop at their own pace and provides scope for extension for more able and diligent learners.

This course is suitable for students with little or no exposure to the applications listed above.

Assessment

Assessment will be based on the level of skills acquired in each software application and the student's ability to apply those skills in a problem-solving situation. This will be determined from folio or class work, skills tests, and the quality of the major projects.

Projects

- Python: Loop and Array based games
- Unity: 3D visual product
- Internet Media production

Tests

- Python coding
- C# coding
- Data acquisition and manipulation

Pathways

The Digital World provides a pathway to further studies in areas such as computer science, software development, digital graphics and data analytics.

Elective subjects

Globalisation

The Globalisation elective will explore the following two topics:

1. Democracy
2. Globalisation

The subject provides an opportunity for those students who are interested in international issues and current affairs to deepen their understanding of how the global political system operates.

Democracy

Students will examine the key features of democracy and investigate a range of international case studies to consider how democracy has been challenged. Students will also explore the Australian government's roles and responsibilities at a global level, the role of the United Nations and Australia's involvement in overseas peacekeeping. Students will also participate in a Mock UN Security Council, where they will be allocated specific roles and be required to resolve an international crisis.

Globalisation

Students will be able to define 'globalisation' and explore its benefits for Australia. They will consider the social, economic and political consequences of globalisation. Students will investigate Australia's relationship with China and other Asian states and also consider some of the negative consequences of globalisation including its impact on the environment, human rights, and the potential exploitation of workers.

Assessment

Home learning exercises, class tests and assignments.

Journalism

A Nose for the News

Do you have a nose for the news?

Are you an engaged citizen? Do you have a nose for the news? Do you feel the need to raise your voice? Are you interested in making people think? Are you interested in searching for the truth? Are you interested in writing about things that matter? If so, then this is the course for you.

In the post-truth era, where anyone can report on an event through the use of a smart phone, social media and the 26 letters of the alphabet, it has never been more important to understand the power of language to shape the views of the public, and the responsibility that comes with this power.

What will you learn?

Students will explore how the impact of globalisation and digital media is transforming journalism as we have known it.

Students will explore the role of ethics in reporting the news and in citizen journalism in particular.

Students will look at various ways to capture the news, using modern technologies and formats.

Through a blend of theory and practice, students will learn the art of modern news gathering and production, in particular, how to write high quality print and digital news and feature stories.

Students will explore the art of news reportage, interview, feature story writing and opinion pieces.

Students will have the opportunity to publish for the

Student Publication Magazine and will be encouraged to submit their work to local newspapers

Assessment

The journalism course will be assessed through:

- The production of a range of journalistic pieces including straight news reports, feature stories, letters to the editor, editorials, columns, blogs and interviews.
- A portfolio of a range of published pieces
- The meeting of individual deadlines

Literature

The study of literature provides an opportunity for students to examine the ways in which a variety of texts represent experience, and to consider them in light of their own understanding and life experience. Texts are valued for their use of language to recreate and interpret experience imaginatively. Students study challenging and layered texts drawn from a range of genres such as poetry, drama, prose and film.

Aims

- To develop an enjoyment of literature
- To encourage students to read widely and independently
- To develop an understanding of the variety of human experience and a critical appreciation of our culture and the cultures of others, past and present, as it is represented in literature
- To extend students' understanding of the different ways in which literary texts are constructed
- To encourage students to read closely and critically
- To develop the skills and knowledge required to respond creatively to literature

The year 9 Literature classroom offers a supportive environment for the active exploration of the ideas raised in a variety of texts. Students will learn to share ideas through a range of activities, including discussions, as well as analytical and creative writing, including commentaries, short stories, script writing, and poetry.

This course will teach students how to think creatively and analytically.

Content

With texts forming the basis of study, some of the areas of learning covered include:

- The connection between the works of Charles Baudelaire and art work from impressionists such as Renoir
- A range of pieces that explore the broader concept of "Conflict and Tragedy"
- An extensive collection of poetry, including poems by Wilfred Owen as well as contemporary performance pieces
- The allegorical works of George Orwell
- The exploration of the concept of "Our Consciousness" through works such as Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Assessment

A variety of tasks will form the assessment. These may include creative responses, passage analysis, and analytical responses. There will be the opportunity to refine oral communication skills through class discussions and oral presentations.

Music: Performance

Music: Performance provides students the opportunity to develop and extend their performance, creative and music language skills as musicians. Students prepare, rehearse and perform as both a soloist and as a member of an ensemble. Students also develop knowledge and skills in listening, composition, arranging and music language that will support their music performance skills. All instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome!

Content

During this course students will:

- Perform as a soloist
- Perform as a member of an ensemble
- Create, compose and arrange music
- Listen critically and analyse music from a wide range of styles using the elements of music
- Develop and extend their written & aural music language skills

Assessment

- Solo Performances
- Group Performances
- Composition and Arranging tasks
- Music Language tasks
- Examination – Music Language

Pathways

Music: Performance will prepare students for the study of music beyond Year 9 including Year 10 Music

Music: Recording and Composing

Music: Recording and Composing provides student the opportunity to develop and extend their creative thinking skills and problem solving skills through a Project Based Learning model. Students will have the opportunity to use their musical strengths to compose, arrange and produce music using Sibelius and Logic Pro.

Content

During this course student will:

- Complete composition workshops - focussed on the elements of music, composition devices and creating strategies
- Complete music production workshops - focussed on Sibelius and Logic Pro
- Plan, negotiate and create three music products. These can be original compositions, arrangements or covers of other composers' music works

Assessment

- Music Workshops
- Music Product 1
- Music Product 2
- Music Product 3
- Examination - Logic Pro

Pathways

Music: Recording and Composing will prepare students for the study of music beyond Year 9 including Year 10 Music Performance and Styles, VCE and IBDP.

Drama: West End to Broadway

Do you have an interest in musical theatre? West End to Broadway is the elective for you. Do what you love and get assessed for it!

This is a highly practical course that will look at the beginnings of musical theatre and then explore the genre through a series of practical workshops and performances. Students can choose to get involved in dance, choreography, acting, singing and design (costume, make-up, lighting, sound and set)

In this fun and interactive class, students explore the historical contexts of musical theatre and learn about its structure. Performing famous scenes, choreographical tasks, singing and design. Students can choose to focus on performance or design.

Possible activities:

- Interpreting famous acting scenes
- Choreographing musical numbers
- Singing musical numbers from Broadway and West End productions

Aims

Understand:

- How a musical is structured and how to apply these skills to create your own show

Know:

- History of musical theatre
- Structure of a musical
- Steps and styles to choreograph for musical theatre

- Acting style for musical theatre
- Design aspects of musical theatre
- Song types and structure

Be able to:

- Use learnt knowledge to create/pitch an idea for a new musical
- Apply acting conventions in musical theatre style
- Apply musical theatre conventions to a choreographic task
- Apply conventions of musical theatre to a singing task
- Recognise the conventions of musical theatre

Assessment

Small performance tasks including acting, singing, dance or design.

The pitch: pitch an idea for a new musical (this assessment is part performance and part oral)

A folio will also document the process and evaluate the work.

Pathways

This elective may benefit students contemplating a career that involves strong communication skills as well as careers in the arts. It will be great for aspiring leaders or students wanting to improve their communication skills. It leads well into any performing arts subjects in year 10 and VCE/IB Drama/Theatre Studies.

STEM: Design, Build and Program a Robot

This course integrates science, technology, engineering and mathematics to create practical solutions to real-world problems. Students will combine new technologies such as 3D printing, electronics and programming to build a working robot that addresses a current challenge in the world.

The course seeks to develop skills in research, design, engineering, technology and hands-on construction.

Students will address topics and challenges in the following areas:

- Plan and design:
 - What is it?
 - What must it be able to do?
 - Which design features will it incorporate?
- Modeling and refinement:
 - Making a prototype
 - Testing the prototype and compare the results to intended outputs then make changes
 - Refining ideas and constructing a fully-functional final product

Assessment

- Project record: background research, specifying requirements, design process, testing and evaluation
- Final model – how well the product works to solve the problem
- End of semester examination

Creative students with an interest in design, construction and programming will enjoy this course. Many new occupations and career paths require STEM skills. Accordingly, this course offers students excellent preparation for studying VCE Systems Engineering, and life beyond.

The classes extensively employ project-based learning which offers a different way of working compared to other subjects. It is highly rewarding to manage a project from start to finish as well as preparing students.

Sport Science

Aims

This elective is designed to promote health and exercise sciences and provide pathways for students to make good decisions in future courses, study and employment in this area. It aims for students to:

- Develop an understanding and knowledge of how science contributes to sports performance
- Be exposed to best practice sport science methods
- Understand and question why we use certain testing and training methods.
- Understand what factors are essential for success in high performance sport, including key concepts from elite athlete programs
- Develop enthusiasm towards sport science, sport medicine and other allied health areas
- Develop an inquiry-based mind and use problem-based approaches
- Develop the ability to analyse data and apply this to sport performance

Content

Sport Science will address the following broad topics:

- What is sport science and how does it contribute to sports performance?
- Future careers in allied health and sport
- How does STEM apply and link with sport science?
 - Science: structure and function of body systems, nutrition and energy systems, training methods and adaptations to exercise.
 - Technology: how has technology contributed to sport performance?

- Engineering: developing equipment for sport performance-enhancing or marketing?
- Mathematics: measuring and collecting data, analyzing data and applying to sport

Units of Work:

1. Sports Psychology: research how motivation, concentration, mental imagery, arousal regulation, confidence and sleep impacts on performance,
2. Nutrition and Hydration Strategies: research macronutrients and identify food examples. Research the appropriate consumption amount for nutrition and hydration needs and understand how the timing of consumption impacts on performance and recovery.
3. Exercise Prescription: fitness components, energy systems and training for adaptation
4. Technology in sport: investigate key technologies and how they contribute to performance e.g. GPS, heart rate monitors, gas analysis
5. Sports engineering: investigate how equipment has been developed to improve sport performance

Assessment

- Topic Test: Sports Psychology, Nutrition and Hydration Strategies
- Training program design and evaluation: Games and Activity Analysis
- Research Assignment: Technology and Engineering
- End of semester examination

Elective subjects

Textiles

The conceptual focus of this course explores 'Sustainable Textiles Practices'. It aims to develop the students' abilities to design and make products using textile materials and processes with consideration of the broader impact of their choices on society and the environment. Students will gain experience in operating sewing equipment to produce quality products or crafts, using both new and upcycled materials. Students will develop literacy skills through instructional writing and the preparation of individual investigation proposals. This course follows on from year 8 Textiles but is accessible for new students.

Research and Analysis

Students will investigate textile fibres, their properties and characteristics, in order to select and appropriately use materials in their design and production tasks.

Students will also explore the issues relating to fast fashion and report on the environmental impact of textile products with the aim of then identifying strategies to address these issues.

Design and Production Journal (Instructional Writing)

Students are required to maintain photographic records of research, design and construction tasks. These should be accompanied by directions explaining the design intentions and the technical processes. This will form a significant part of the home learning expectations.

Assessment

Assessment criteria for each area of study will include all aspects of the research, design and production of each artwork, in keeping with practices currently used in senior years.

Assessment

Textiles Fibres and Sustainability 10%

- Understanding characteristics of textiles fibres and sustainability issues relating to Fast Fashion

Sustainable Materials and Original Bag Design 30%

- Sourcing of recyclable materials and hardware for original bag design
- Reversible or lined bag construction
- Design and development of additional bag features
- Instructional report

Independent Investigation in Textiles Design 30%

- Selection of a specific area and techniques of textiles design such as garment design, soft toys, traditional techniques such as crochet or embroidery, textiles art or interior decoration.
- Written proposal for Independent Investigation
- Textile product construction
- Instructional report

Semester Examination 30%

This subject provides skills and experiences that may be of benefit during senior studies in year 10 Art, IBDP Visual Arts, VCE Studio Arts, VCE Visual Communication Design, and IBDP Studio Art. It is also of relevance for future study in areas such as fashion design, merchandising, marketing and retail, advertising, and interior and textiles design.

Visual Communication Design

Learning Focus

Visual Communication Design in year 9 seeks to educate student's visual and creative abilities. The course develops students' critical eye for design and analysis, confidence in their aesthetic judgment and ability to respond to a design brief. Visual Communication Design directs students through an exploration of media and materials, drawing techniques and processes of design production. The course will give students the opportunity to explore design through three major design areas such as Communication, Environmental and Industrial.

Folio

Students develop a folio of artworks that explore:

- Developing type and imagery on popular items
- Exploring design elements and principles
- Designing posters and products for the community

Their workbook and exciting finished works will demonstrate skills with drawing and stenciling with markers, paints, inks and fine liners. Software to be used will include predominantly Illustrator, Photoshop.

Workbook

The workbook is an essential part of the course since it involves documenting all practical processes, ideas and design exercises. There will be continuous assessment of each folio piece with the emphasis on design, developing skill levels and expressing personal concepts and ideas.

Technology

Computer generated designs are integral to the course. Students learn to scan, manipulate and print images to cater for their design task. This provides a strong base for students to further explore technology in their

folio production and final presentations in, VCE Visual Communication Design, Units 1 to 4.

Design Analysis

Students will learn the language of design through investigation, exploration and discussion about their own work and the work of designers.

Assessment

- Drawing and rendering
- Poster Design production
- Architectural Design
- Design analysis

There is no end of semester examination for this subject.

Students who study Visual Communication Design in year 9, and in the later years will be able to keep their educational and career options open in their senior years of study. Visual Communication Design is recommended by several university courses. The study leads to many varied practical and academic career opportunities including advertising, animation, architecture, game design, product design, visual communication, fashion, interior design and web design.

Pathways

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